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Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

GENERIC CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 and 13 are generic to Figs. 2-4 and 10A-10D.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner also consider claims directed to non-elected Species, which depend from or otherwise include the subject matter of an allowable generic claim.

DISCUSSION

In the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, the Examiner did not specifically list the figures corresponding to the species. It is considered by applicants that the first species (Species 1) is shown in Figs. 2-4, and this species is the elected species. Figs. 10A, 10B, 10C and 10D (illustrating various embodiments of the invention) are considered by applicants to correspond to Species 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. Claims 8-12 are directed to said Species 2-5.

Figs. 5A-9B illustrate methods steps. The method claims were previously non-elected.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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